

GAZ-SYSTEM investments recognised as the priority projects in the European Union

On 24 November 2017, the European Commission published the third European list of projects in the natural gas sector that were granted the status of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs).

The PCI status confirms that GAZ-SYSTEM projects constitute key elements of energy security policy that is under implementation by the Polish government, and are in line with EU energy policy. This is even more important taking into consideration that the number of gas projects on subsequent PCI lists is limited - said Tomasz St pie , President of the Management Board, GAZ-SYSTEM S.A.

The investment projects undertaken by GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. were analysed, evaluated and subsequently assigned the priority status in two regional initiatives focusing on natural gas:

Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan (BEMIP):

- Baltic Pipe project;
- Expansion of LNG terminal in winouj cieł
- Poland-Lithuania Gas Interconnection (GIPL).

North-South gas interconnections in Central and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe (NSI East Gas):

- Poland - Slovakia interconnection and the North-South corridor in Eastern Poland;
- Poland - Czech Republic interconnection and the North-South corridor in Western Poland;

The PCI projects are developed and implemented as part of a scheme consisting in the application of dedicated administrative procedures, as well as specific regulatory solutions provided for in EU Regulation 347/2013. In justified cases, Projects of Common Interest are eligible for financial support under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).

The PCI list is updated every two years. Its first version was published on 15 October 2013, while the second list was released on 18 November 2015.

GAZ-SYSTEM is a strategic company for the Polish economy. It is responsible for the transmission of natural gas, manages the most important gas pipelines in Poland and owns the President Lech Kaczyński LNG Terminal in winouj cie.

As part of the 2015-2025 investment programme, GAZ-SYSTEM is constructing over 2000 km of new gas pipelines in the western, southern and eastern parts of Poland. Over a dozen new gas pipelines are under construction within the North-South Gas Corridor and the compressor station in K dziezryn Ko le, as well as interconnections with Lithuania and Slovakia. Onshore gas pipelines are planned to connect the planned FSRU floating terminal in the Gulf of Gdansk with the national transmission system. The LNG Terminal in winouj cie is also being extended, as a result of which the regasification capacity of this facility will be increased by more than a half.

The company is also implementing one of the most important infrastructural projects in the country - the Baltic Pipe project which consists in the construction of a two-way offshore gas pipeline connecting Poland and Denmark, expansion of the local transmission network and three gas compressor stations.

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